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composed of n "super stages" of multicast --.

Page 211, replace line 8 with -- The  $b2^n$  outputs of the multicast hybrid network are in  $2^n$  groups of size.--.

Please replace page 239, namely, the "Abstract of the Disclosure", with the following:

--ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

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Application of the technique of statistical line grouping to banyan-type networks to practically alleviate the problems of output contention, traffic fluctuation, burstiness, and so forth without incurring additional preprocessing and buffering on the input traffic by introducing alternate-routing ingredient to the unique-routing banyan-type network, but without complicating the switching control too much through alternate routing. The multicast concentrator, a concentrator with the capability of multicasting, composed of interconnected bicast cells is employed to fill in each of the dilated nodes of the banyan-type network to give a hybrid network. An extremely simple self-routing control mechanism over the hybrid network which is the natural melting of the self-routing control inside the multicast concentrators and the self-routing control over the banyan-type network is presented.--.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-2.